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Clerk had announced the vote. Maybe he did it without your request.

PRESIDENT: I think the Clerk started to. I was not as quick as I should have and so I let Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR LEWIS: Just a little clarification. The Clerk doesn't determine when the vote is announced. The presiding officer does.

PRESIDENT: That completes Final Reading, and I do appreciate all the help. The next one is LB 339. Senator DeCamp, do you have something?

CLERK: Mr. President, could I read one report in?

PRESIDENT: Oh, yes just a moment please.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Public Health to who was referred 703 instructs me to report the same that the legislation can be advanced to General File as amended. That is all Mr. President. Thank you.

Mr. President, Senator DeCamp's motion was to reconsider our action on Final Reading of LB339, the bill had previously been delivered to the Governor.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, you have visited with the Speaker about this matter?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes. Senator Cope is absent today. I therefore do not want to take the full issue, whether or not the enacting clause could be stricken or whatever, if the bill is brought back. I would not debate the bill at all. I would merely explain that we have not yet voted to reconsider. If we vote affirmatively to reconsider that does not kill the bill. It does not destroy Senator Cope's chance to debate the issue and in fact it guarantees it. If we delay any longer, there is no saying what can happen. All I ask is that you vote to reconsider. That then puts the bill back on Final Reading and Senator Cope and those that have an interest in the matter will be able to debate it. I will not debate it at all today other than to say that.

PRESIDENT: If we do this now, in the absence of Senator Cope, you will not debate the matter pro or con nor will anyone else. If anyone tries to debate it we will hold it over until Senator Cope comes back.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I will not debate it what-so-ever. The vote only puts it back on Final Reading. It does not kill it or anything like that.

PRESIDENT: So, it is your request that this vote be taken without debate and then it be debated on its merits after Senator Cope returns.

SENATOR DE CAMP: After Senator Cope returns, yes.